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National Conference on Weights and Measures Votes on Automatic Temperature Compensation of Retail Motor Fuel at Annual Meeting

Snowbird Resort, Salt Lake City, UT - Temperature compensation of retail motor fuel is the top priority of the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM). This week, the NCWM met and considered the steps necessary to implement temperature compensation. A proposal regarding Automatic Temperature Compensation of retail motor fuel received support from twenty-three (23) states, while many of the remaining sixteen (16) states voiced support but felt that further development of the issue was needed for a successful implementation. NCWM represents the entire country in the development of standards for weights and measures. Twenty-seven (27) states are required to pass any proposals that are under consideration at the annual meeting. New NCWM Chair Judy Cardin stated, "Automatic Temperature Compensation is our top priority this year."

A steering committee made up of national experts is already at work moving this issue forward. Their mandate is to help the technical committees answer important questions that were raised during the open hearings this past week at the NCWM Annual Meeting. Questions concerning nationwide densities for motor fuel, whether the regulations should be permissive or mandatory, an implementation plan, and state fuel tax issues are just some of the issues they are working to address.

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